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## C. M. ACREY KILLED

### FELIX MILLER IN JAIL AWAITING HEARING THE 16th

One of the most unfortunate killings ever to have occurred in Eddy county took place at a point about a mile west of the stand pipe of the railway company and four miles south west of Carlsbad last Sunday afternoon at 2:15 when Felix Miller shot and killed Charles M. Acrey. The evidence at the coroner's inquest was very contradictory and is almost impossible to get at so that it will appear at all believable. It seems that Acrey had a Mexican employed cutting sotol who had walked ahead of Acrey from his house on the road near the stand pipe. The Mexican was about 300 yards ahead not far from where he was cutting sotol. Felix Miller who was on foot met Acrey who was horse back and the Mexican testified that he heard Miller ask Acrey where he was going. Acrey said: "To the sotol camp". Then the Mexican testified Miller said: "No you ain't for I am going to kill you". Then raised his Winchester and shot Acrey three times. Miller was accompanied by a man named Lone Miller who is no relation to Felix. Lone Miller testified that he was within forty or fifty steps of the parties when the shooting occurred, that he and Felix had gone over to the point to look at a bat cave and that after examining it they had walked out and saw Acrey coming. As Acrey approached he signaled for Felix to meet him and Felix walked down the hill to the course Acrey was traveling. Lone Miller testified that as Felix approached Acrey that he, Lone, heard them talking but the words were not loud enough to distinguish but after a few moments he saw Acrey reach toward his side as if for a gun and that being in range and in such a position that if Acrey discharged his gun he would be in danger that he jumped to the right a few steps and got the hill between him and the men who he thought were quarreling. He had hardly got over the hill when he heard three shots and not wishing to be a witness to a killing he started down the hill but was soon overtaken by Felix who said he the Dark Canon wells was the first had killed Acrey. Mr. J. F. Hart of white man to reach Acrey's body, the Mexican having seen the whole affair from where he was and ran at once to the stand pipe. Mr. Hart phoned the sheriff and then jumped into his auto and reached the body within four minutes after he phoned. He found Acrey dead with his riding whip in his dead hand and both arms extended full length and two bullet holes through his body either of which would have killed him instantly. One wound showed that the bullet from the 44 Winchester entered the right side under the right arm and came out the left side and passed thru the left arm. The other shot struck the lower portion of the left abdomen and came out under the right shoulder blade. Another shot was fired but it went wild Miller stating that the gun was discharged while he was working the lever. A thirty eight special six shooter was found on the body of Acrey.

Mr. Hart had not been near the body long before Dr. Lackey drove up in his auto and made an examination of the body. A coroner's jury was immediately impaneled by Judge Richards and went out in an auto and viewed the body. The jury was composed of the following:

Richard Judkins, J. F. Hart, E. E. James, Fred West, Geo. Beckett, and H. E. James.

Further evidence besides examination of the Mexican was taken Monday morning.

Miller walked home about a mile and a half north and phoned the sheriff's office and Allen Stewart went out and brought him to jail where he has been since.

The cause of the quarrel between the two men is not generally known but it is said that Acrey had ordered Miller to keep his stock away from a school section that was unfenced, Acrey having fenced around several townships and claimed the right of range. Miller has lived here twelve

years and has always been regarded as a peaceable man while Mr. Acrey has been in the country about the same time and has always been considered a good man.

The verdict of the jury was: "We, the coroner's jury, find deceased came to his death from the effects of a bullet from a Winchester held by Felix Miller."

Acrey leaves a wife and three children two boys, Vernon aged six and Lloyd, aged four, and a little girl, Wanda, aged one year. He has two brothers, Ben and W. B. with whom he had been engaged in the sheep business for many years.

District Attorney K. K. Scott came down from Roswell Monday to learn something about the killing of C. M. Acrey. He went out to the scene of the killing and obtained what information possible in a few hours and returned to Roswell on the night train. He decided to hold the preliminary hearing in Judge Richards' court Tuesday at ten a. m.

Charles M. Acrey was born near Harmony, in Bank county, Georgia, in February 1864 and in 1882 went with his parents to Brownwood, Texas, going from there to Tom Green county about ten years later and from there to Eddy county, New Mexico, the spring of 1902. Since coming here he has with his brothers accumulated a large number of sheep probably 40,000 and the company has several good ranches being located on the head of Rocky about thirty-five miles north west of Carlsbad. For the past few years he has resided on his ranch near the Dark Canon wells, having fenced considerable of the country. He had perfected an adding machine the invention of which he purchased, which is ready for the market and which will no doubt come into general use some day. The funeral was delayed until Wednesday to await the arrival of his brother, W. B.

**The Funeral.**

The funeral services which were held from the Methodist church at ten a. m. Wednesday, were well attended and very impressive. Rev. George Beatty, pastor of the local Christian church, of which Mrs. Acrey is a member, preached the funeral sermon. His remarks were very appropriate to the sad occasion as has been remarked by many who were present.

Eddy Grove Camp, W. O. W., of which Mr. Acrey was a member, attended in a body, the degree team, in their uniform.

A full choir of the Methodist and Christian churches was present and very sweetly sang the old familiar hymns, which have comforted untold numbers on occasions similar to that: "Jesus Lover of my Soul," "Rock of Ages," "Abide With Me," and "I Need Thee, Every Hour."

The funeral cortege was long, many automobiles accompanying the remains to their last resting place where the beautiful ritualistic service of the Woodmen of the World was given in full. All hearts were touched and all eyes suffused with tears, as the sobs and cries of the little boys broke upon the air—little boys weeping over the grave of the father they shall never see more in this world. The poem "Life and Death" as read by the master of ceremonies for the day, Wm. H. Mullana, touched all hearts. The other Woodmen in charge were: A. R. O'Quinn, past consul commander; J. I. Penny, adviser lieutenant; with Consul Commander Hamblen in charge of the degree team and E. V. Albritton escort. The camp honors were given at the close of the ceremony.

During the services a quartet choir composed of Mrs. J. C. Bunch and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong and Messrs. Armstrong and Butler sang, "Abide With Me," and "Rock of Ages." Rev. Beatty pronounced the benediction and all that is mortal of Charles Acrey rests in the "village under the hill" where we must all go, sooner or later.

The deepest sympathy is expressed for the families who are plunged into mourning and grief by this strange and tragic occurrence.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

Consul Commander Robert Hamblen of Carlsbad Camp W. O. W., desires us to express the thanks of the camp to Messrs. J. C. Bunch and J. W. Armstrong and Messrs. Butler and Armstrong for their beautiful touching music at the graveside of Sovereign Charles M. Acrey.

#### COMPANY ORDERS NO. 2.

Headquarters Co. B, 1st. Infy. N. M. N. G., Carlsbad N. M., February 11, 1915.

1. All members of Company B, 1st. Infy. N. M. N. G. are hereby ordered to report at the Armory, in Carlsbad, for drill on Wednesday night, Feb. 17th, 1915, not later than 7:30 o'clock p. m., and on each succeeding Wednesday night at same hour, until further orders, unless personally excused by your Company Commander.

2. Non-commissioned officers of the Company failing to attend any drill, as ordered, without personal excuse of the Captain, will be liable to immediate reduction to ranks.

3. Promotions and appointments of non-commissioned officers of the Company will be made at close of drill on Wednesday, Feb. 17th, such promotions to be based on past record and attendance of drills, as well as efficiency in drill on the night of that date.

4. The annual federal inspection of this company will be made by United States Army officer on Friday March 12th, 1915, at 8 p. m.

5. All members of Company B, 1st. Infy. N. M. N. G., are hereby ordered to report at the Armory in Carlsbad N. M., not later than 7:30 o'clock p. m., on Friday, March 12th, 1915, for inspection, unless temporarily absent from Carlsbad, when such member will report to the Inspecting Officer at inspection of militia organization nearest where stationed, stating to said officer your name, rank and company to which you belong.

6. It is very important that this Company present its full strength at this inspection, as the number of men present will determine amount of funds to be allotted by the federal government for the coming year. It is also important that the Company present a good appearance at such inspection, in its drill, order maintained and neatness, and on this account no man will be excused for trivial reasons from drills between this date and date of inspection.

Wm. W. DEAN,  
Captain 1st. Infy., N. M. N. G.  
Commanding Co. B.

Dunstan Leary, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been appointed to act as assistant to Father Christman, of Roswell, who will succeed Father Adelbert.

#### EL PASO-QUEEN ROAD.

Tom Middleton, of Queen, was in own from there Wednesday, looking after a road drag. The road through "Dog Canyon", having been surveyed, is now being worked. This is the much talked of road between here and El Paso. The road has been changed to the old road by the Ezell ranch to the mouth of the canon so travel will not go by the stand pipe of Dark canon wells. Surveyor John W. Lewis went out in the car with Ned Shattuck early last Saturday morning to survey the road through Dog Canyon. Mrs. Lewis and Miss Wilson, accompanied Dean Smith the next day in his automobile, and Mr. Lewis returned with them Sunday evening.

Mrs. Joseph McMillan, nee Miss Mary Reiff, formerly residing here, now living at Central, New Mexico, is the mother of a baby daughter, born Tuesday of last week. This is the second daughter in the family and many friends here are sending congratulations to the parents, and best wishes for the future of the young lady.

#### Marriage Licenses for Week.

During the week the following marriage licenses have been issued in the county clerk's office:

Feb. 7.—P. C. Lowenbruck to Miss Mamie Pendleton.

Feb. 8.—Gregorio Ramirez to Luz Dominguez.

Feb. 10.—Marvin Livingston to Miss Lora Jones.

Feb. 10.—Pablo Yguado to Patricia Duran.

Nothing adds as much to the appearance and wear of your house as a good coat of paint, especially SEAWALL'S PAINT sold and guaranteed by J. R. LINN.

#### Choral Club Notice.

The committee wishes to call the attention of all members to the fact, that there will be, only, eight rehearsals, before the concert will be given for the Home and School Association. It is very important and to each member's advantage that you attend every rehearsal. We trust that each member will take it upon himself to be in attendance each Tuesday evening promptly at 7:30.

Don't Forget the

## Valentines

For the Little Ones

BEST ASSORTMENT IN TOWN

### EDDY DRUG STORE

DRUGS . . . . STATIONERY

#### TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

Your attention is respectfully called to the following letter recently received from the Comptroller of the Currency:

Treasury Department, Washington, January 28, 1915.  
Comptroller of the Currency.  
To the Board of Directors:  
Gentlemen:

The granting by some banks of accommodations in the form of OVERDRAFTS is objectionable and can not be countenanced by this office.

This practice should cease entirely. To facilitate the accomplishment of this result, the subject has been taken up by this office with the banking departments of various States and these authorities have generally agreed to take the necessary action to secure the effective cooperation of State banks in attaining the end desired.

You are requested to adopt a resolution directing that no officer or employee of your bank shall pay or charge to the account of any depositor any check of such depositor when there are not sufficient funds on deposit to the credit of the drawer of the check to meet the same.

Please forward a certified copy of the resolution to this office as soon as it has been adopted. Let this resolution show the names of the directors present at the meeting.

Please acknowledge receipt without delay.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS,  
Comptroller.

The above is self explanatory. Our resolutions absolutely prohibiting overdrafts, as above ordered, and our customers are requested to take notice of same, and keep a careful check on their respective accounts, thus preventing a violation of law by the banks and embarrassment to themselves.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
OF CARLSBAD,

By G. M. COOKE, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL BANK  
OF CARLSBAD,

By C. M. RICHARDS, Cashier.

Monday of this week Alonzo Campbell, who was working on the Willard Bates ranch, was skinning a cow that had died and the long knife he was using slipped and pierced his leg above the knee. He suffered considerable pain at the time and through the night the limb began swelling and he was brought to town early the next day and a physician said the blade was poisoned from the hide; that the cow must have died of alkali, and he was brought just in time to save his life.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

#### MONUMENT NEWS.

Monument, N. M., Feb. 9.—G. C. Mathews is erecting a nice little blacksmith shop and will use it for a boot and shoe shop.

Fred Smith was in town the other day buying milo maize from J. W. Cooper. Fred lives in the Jeff Davis wells country and owns a fine bunch of angora goats. He has drilled several wells in his locality but got no water.

Bob Trowbridge and Miss Maudie Harris were married in Carlsbad last week. Miss Harris is a stepdaughter of Lute Beech.

The big sandstorm last Wednesday was the healthiest and most robust that has passed through this country since May, 1908.

Luin Culp purchased the M. L. Thorn cattle Saturday. Mr. Thorn will move to Arizona in the spring.

Tom Bingham reports he has lost several head of cattle from black leg.

A big dance was given at the hall Friday night.

Luther Cooper came in from the Swamp Angel ranch Sunday to stay with his folks several days.

Rev. G. H. Barnett has been quite sick for several days but is much better now.

Mr. Cattleberry purchased the Luther Blodgett house of Dr. L. Black, and as moved it to his land southwest of Nadine, N. M.

#### Trip to Alamogordo and El Paso.

John Stewart and wife, Dolph Shattuck and wife made a flying trip to Alamogordo and El Paso, Texas. The party left here Wednesday afternoon about three o'clock in John Stewart's new Ford, accompanied as far as the Thayer ranch by Mrs. Thayer where they spent the night, going by their ranches in Dog Canyon and left for Alamogordo Friday. Duggan Rickman joined the party here and went with them to Alamogordo. He was on his way to Miami in response to a telegram, that his brother was very ill. Seems he left here with Mr. Wright and they broke down about fourteen miles below Shattuck's ranch and walked back to the ranch and from there to John Stewart's. The party arrived at Alamogordo all OK about 5 o'clock, and Mr. Rickman took the train for Miami, the rest of the party visiting with Mrs. Wm. Anderson.

The party left Alamogordo Saturday about ten o'clock going by way of the White Sands to El Paso, arriving there at 5 o'clock same day.

Here they met Mr. Snyder and contracted the steers \$40. for yearlings \$50 for twos and they were feeling so sporty from closing the deal and the long ride, they took in the Bull fight, also the races in the afternoon Sunday and smiled at the big giant that's planning to whip the negro champion.

The party left El Paso Monday morning at 6 o'clock and reached home by 5 o'clock. Johnie thinks his some of a chauffeur, rodding the new car on this journey and if they had any blow outs they did not tell us, but here wishing the party many more pleasant journeys, and who knows but we may hear of them next on their way to the exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. John O. McKeen, of Malaga, accompanied by their young son, Marion, were up from their home Wednesday and Thursday this week. Mrs. McKeen has but recently returned from Fillmore, California, where she went at the call of her daughter, Mrs. Preston Jackson, who underwent a serious operation during her mother's stay with her. The Jacksons have two fine little boys according to "Grandma McKeen".

The celebrated Primble Cutlery, Blue Grass Tools and Hardware are sold and guaranteed by J. R. LINN.

#### CARLSBAD PEOPLE PRAISE SIMPLE MIXTURE.

Many in Carlsbad praise the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-I-ka. This remedy is the most THOROUGH bowel cleanser ever sold being even used successfully in appendicitis. ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour or gassy stomach. ONE MINUTE after you take it the gasses rumble and pass out. Adler-I-ka cannot gripe and the INSTANT action is surprising. The Star Pharmacy. (D-6)

#### FIVE WEEKS OF POLITICAL HORSEPLAY.

Republicans in Absolute Control of Legislature Waste People's Time and Money.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 10.—Five of the nine weeks of the second state legislature are gone. During those five weeks the Republicans have been in absolute control. During four of those weeks, following the election of four duly elected democrats from the house, the Republicans have had an absolute two-thirds majority in both houses. The net result is a record of political horseplay without an equal even in the history of Republican legislatures in New Mexico. But one bill in which the people are interested has been passed. This is the 7-months school term bill to which there was no opposition and to which there could be none, because there is sufficient money in the general school fund to allow of the 7-months term, and because that money cannot possibly be spent for any other purpose.

Beyond that here is the net result:

Four honestly and fairly elected Democrats thrown out of the house on the ground of "political expediency."

Three bills passed to pay for legislative printing, salaries of legislators and employees.

Four weeks spent in a fruitless effort, wholly within the ranks of the majority, to agree upon a county salary bill—with the result of a law in prospect naming salaries far above what the people of this state can afford to pay.

The passage of a bill for the investigation of the defunct First State Bank of Las Cruces and of the relations of the state Agricultural college thereto, through which a long standing local fight, in which the Agricultural college has been the innocent bystander, is to be twisted into a vicious assault upon the Democratic party democratic leaders, the Governor of New Mexico, and the Traveling auditor, with the specific object of furnishing an excuse upon which to base a bill to abolish the Traveling auditor's office and to turn the present efficient organization over to the state auditor—a Republican.

In the meantime taxation and revenue legislation and every other feature of essential law demanded by the people have been shoved hopelessly back to the closing days of the session, when through the necessity of "passing something" such measures as the bosses may dictate will be shoved through.

This, briefly, is the situation and the net result of five weeks of the present legislature, absolutely owned and controlled by the stand-pat Republican gang of New Mexico.

Can you beat it?

#### COMPANY B RIFLE COMPETITION.

Company B began shooting in the Springfield Indoor Competition last week, and although the first match was fired under unfavorable conditions the score made on the first match one year ago was excelled by a small margin.

There will be one match fired by a team of ten men each week for a full period of ten weeks, the record shooting to be done on each Wednesday night.

Following is given the score made last week. As only the five highest scores are counted in the results, these only are given.

Name of Contestant	Prone	Standing	Rapid Fire	TOTALS
George J. Frederick	43	37	46	126
Roy E. Wilkinson	43	36	47	126
Fred M. West	59	40	45	124
Wm. R. Miller	43	32	47	122
Wm. Collins	42	30	43	115

Team Totals 210 175 228 613

These figures show slightly less than 82 per cent of perfect scores, and will without doubt be much improved on in the following matches, and if you are interested, it is suggested that you clip out these scores each week, and keep tab on the progress of the competition.

The Company B team shot its way up last year to nearly 700 out of a possible 750, and its aim this year is to excel last years record in every particular.